

December 15, 1978

Memo to File:

RE: Union Carbide
Hecla Mine ACT/037/043
La Sal - Snowball ACT/037/026
Exploration EXP/037/008

Kent Dahlquist and Chuck Coe of Union Carbide met with Michael Minder and Mike Thompson of the Division at La Sal, Utah on December 8, 1978.

Tentative plans for the Hecla Mine were presented to the Division personnel and the plans were discussed. Revisions were to be made and final plans sent to the Division during the week of December 11, 1978. The mine is to be a vertical shaft, room and pillar operation, located adjacent to Shipler's store, on the south side of the highway, within a gravel pit. The surface facility site will be located on previously disturbed ground at the pit. Waste-rock is proposed to be deposited in an adjacent wash and a drainage channel established around it. Union Carbide would like to begin construction in February. Therefore, they would like to have the plan presented to the Board at the December meeting. Union Carbide was told that the Division will make every effort to do so. Union Carbide personnel are planning to attend the December meetings to answer any questions in an attempt to expedite approval.

The La Sal - Snowball facilities were also visited. The La Sal and Snowball decline areas have not changed since the last inspection. Work is almost finished on the Beaver Shaft and plans for an adjacent waste-rock disposal site should be forthcoming.

Mr. Coe explained plugging procedures in the area. Most holes have been plugged with 42 second mud and a contractor will attempt to pull surface casing this spring when the snow melts. At that time cement surface plugs will be installed. Mr. Coe was shown the badly cavitated hole and he later informed the Division that a drum was forced into the hole as a temporary safety measure and it will be properly plugged as soon as possible.

K. MICHAEL THOMPSON
ENGINEERING GEOLOGIST

K.M.T.